

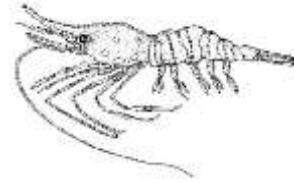
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FISHERY UPDATE

PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND REGISTRATION AREA E

COMMERCIAL SHRIMP TRAWL FISHERY

The Prince William Sound Area (PWS) trawl fishery for sidestripe shrimp will open April 15 with guideline harvest levels (GHLs) set at 65,950 lb for the Wells Section, 33,000 lb for the combined Central and Southwest Sections, and 14,000 lb for the Northwest Section (Figure 1).

To participate, individuals must possess a 2018 P07E or P17E interim use permit available from the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC) and a PWS vessel registration. CFEC permit available at http://www.cfec.state.ak.us/forms/Commercial_Fishing_Permit_Application.pdf or paper forms at Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) offices. Registrations and required log sheets are available at ADF&G offices in Anchorage, Cordova, and Homer.

Shrimp trawls must meet the requirements in 5 AAC 31.225, which specifies codend mesh size and orientation and a fish excluder device to reduce bycatch of non-target species. Timely reporting of shrimp landings is critical to the successful management of this fishery. **Fishermen are required to telephone the department at (907) 424-7215 within 24 hours of a landing and provide catch reports.** All fish tickets, accompanied by completed log sheets, must be received in the Cordova, Anchorage, or Homer office within seven days of landing.

Fishery management and other pertinent regulations are found in Chapters 31 and 39 of the 2015-2018 Statewide Commercial Shrimp, Dungeness Crab, and Miscellaneous Shellfish Fishing Regulations book. These are available at department offices in Anchorage, Cordova, and Homer or at <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fishregulations.commercial>. Prospective fishery participants should thoroughly review the regulatory requirements for this fishery and contact the department with questions.

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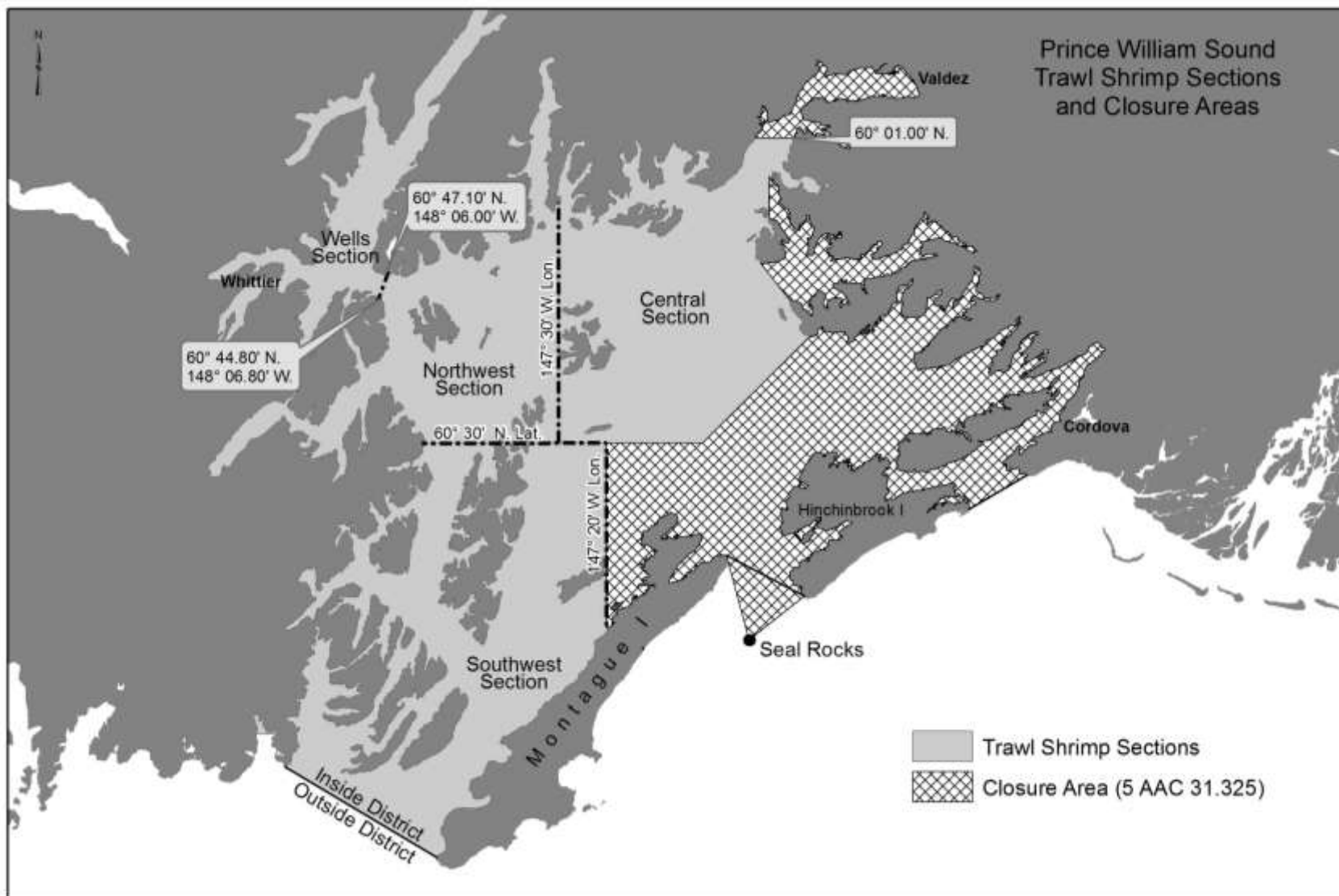


Figure 1. 2018 Prince William Sound commercial shrimp trawl fishing sections and trawl closure area.

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